What is claimed:

A method for the synthesis of a dihydroindole C-ring of a
CC-1065 / duocarmycin analog wherein the method comprises the
steps of:

Step A: alkylating an aryl halide with 1,3-dichloropropene and a catalytic amount of n-tetrabutylammonium iodide for forming a vinyl chloride; then

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Step B: cyclizing the vinyl chloride of said step A under conditions using tribuytyl tin hydride, catalytic AIBN and toluene as the solvent for forming the dihydroindole C-ring of the CC-1065 / duocarmycin analog.

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